# Microturbine CHP Application in the Secondary Metals Business



DOE Microturbine
Application Workshop
Alloy Processing

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- A Southern California based Distributor and Authorized Service Provider of both traditional and state-of-the-art energy products
- It's sole mission is to create a win-win solution for it's customers by reducing energy costs and increasing profits through the use of on-site generation equipment while never reducing the customer's security of supply
- PHE offers a variety of options for equipment ownership. It will install and service the equipment to insure seamless energy generation
- PHE has sold and participated in 33 Capstone units to date

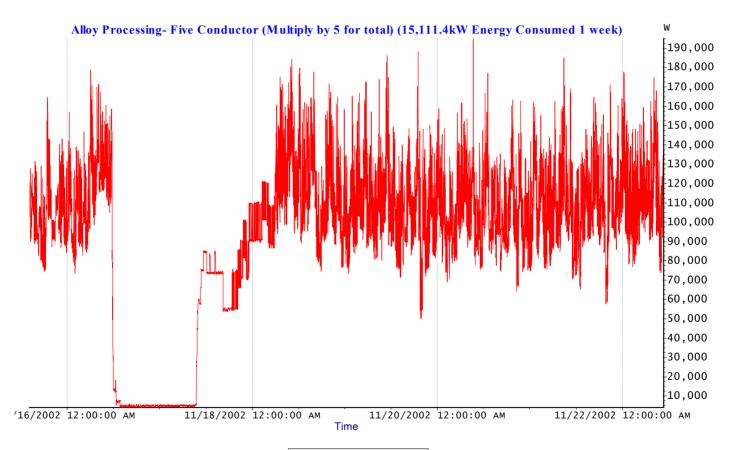
# Who is Alloy Processing



- Alloy Processing provides secondary metals anodizing and painting to the aerospace industry
- The facility is 37,000 sq-ft with 74 full time employees
- Public utility services by Southern California Edison and Southern California Gas
- They operate 24 hours x 6 days a week
- Their goal was to lower utility bills

## Pre-CHP Electrical Load

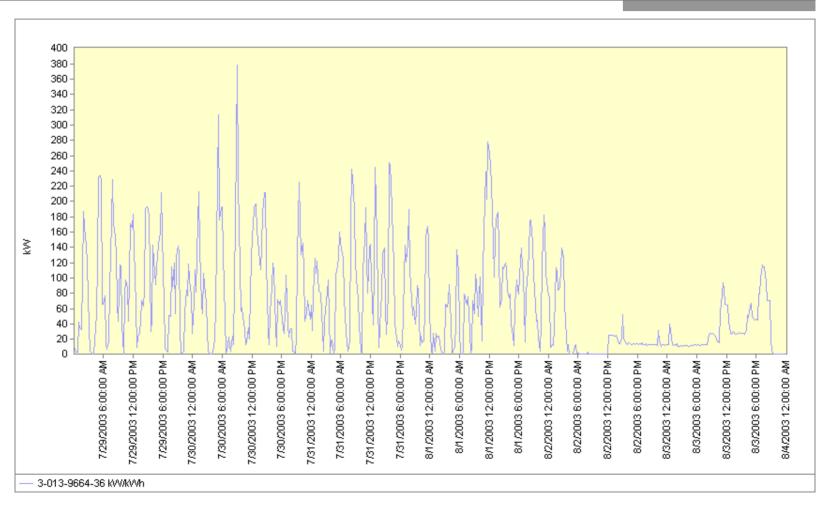




Real Power - 3Ø (W)

### Post CHP Installation









#### **Process**

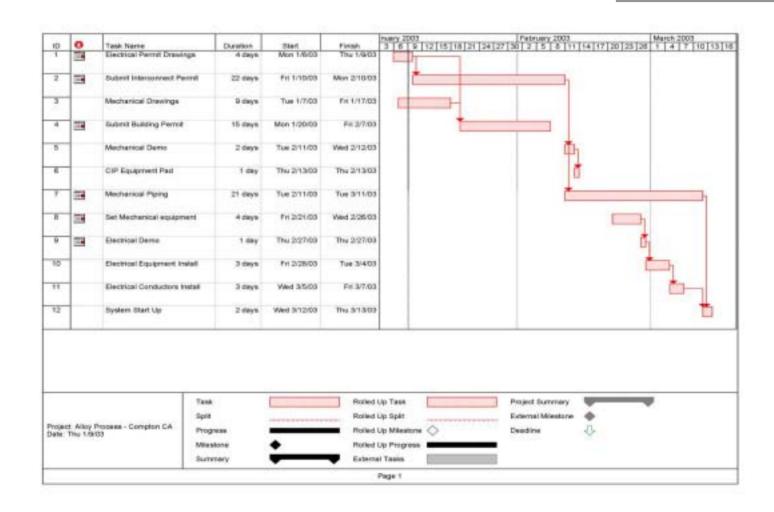
- 1. PHE shares energy options and programs available today
- 2. CUSTOMER provides PHE with energy bills
- 3. PHE and CUSTOMER establish energy requirements for customer's business
- 4. PHE performs a site survey
- 5. PHE and CUSTOMER discuss project's technical and financial aspects
- 6. PHE develops project evaluation checklist
- 7. PHE prepares a preliminary report and meets with CUSTOMER to review project recommendations, costs, timing and evaluation checklist
- 8. CUSTOMER reviews preliminary report and makes decision to proceed
- 9. PHE monitors CUSTOMER'S energy use
- 10. PHE documents use and files utility rebate forms on CUSTOMER'S behalf
- 11. Financial, engineering and construction bids are obtained
- 12. CUSTOMER internally reviews ownership and leasing options
- 13. PHE produces final report and proposal and meets with CUSTOMER to review all project implementation details
- 14. PHE and CUSTOMER sign contract
- 15. PHE handles site engineering, construction procedures, and permitting
- 16. Construction and installation

#### **Estimated Time**

Numbers 1-3 = 1 week
Numbers 4-7 = 1 week
Numbers 8-9 = 2 weeks
Numbers 10-14 = 2 weeks
Number 15 = 2 months
Number 16 = 1 month



## Project Schedule



## Organization



- Project Management- Thom McMahon/ Installation, Ken Nilsson/Service
- Funded through Mitsubishi Diamond Leasing, Owned by Alloy Processing and Serviced by PowerHouse Energy
- Project Plan (Actual Date)
  - Equipment Delivery 12/2002(Same)
  - System Commissioned 3/2003(5/2003)
  - Monitoring Underway 5/2003(5/2003)

## Pictures of Site





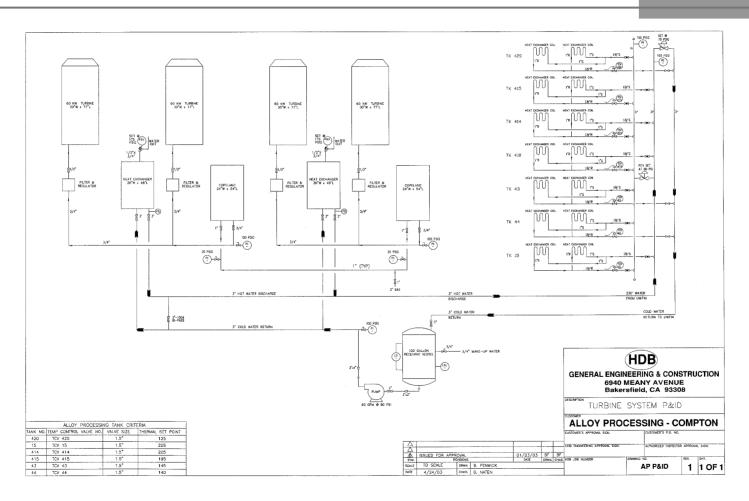
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## P&ID As Built









- Improvements this Site
  - Engineering Thermal Design Interface
  - Selection of Mechanical Contractor
  - Lead time for Gas Utility up-grades
  - Supplied exhaust ducting poor fit
- Target Improvements- Volume Installations
  - Standard drawing packages
  - Experienced installation contractors
  - Volume material purchases

# Project Cost Table



<u>ltem</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>HindSight</u>	50th Install
Turbine	\$262,050	\$262,050	\$262,050
CHP Unit	Inc.	N/C	N/C
Mechanical	\$150,000	\$130,000	\$120,000
Electrical	\$45,000	\$40,000	\$40,000
Civil	\$4,500	\$4,500	\$4,500
Consulting	\$2,500	\$0	\$0
Engineering	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$16,000
Proj. Mgnt.	\$35,000	\$25,000	\$20,000
Total	\$519,050	\$481,550	\$462,550

#### Electrical Performance



- Hours of operation per unit, 1/6/04-4,230 hours, 16,923 total.
- Average Electrical Performance ~26% (est.)
- Estimated Parasitic Loses in KW- 11kW/hr
- Power Quality Tests Done for Southern California Edison Interconnection acceptance.

#### Thermal Performance



- Thermal Output used 1,312,000,Btu/hr (4 systems)
- Average water Delta T across HTX 35°F
- Average flow rate through HTX 75gpm
- CHP Efficiency 71% (26%e+45%t)
- Expected Peak Total System Efficiency 75%
- Electrical 28%+ Thermal 47%
- Cooling system N/A

### **Emission Performance**



- No emission testing has been done to date.
- Emissions appear to be in line with Capstone estimates.

### **O&M** Performance



#### Availability

- The equipment was unavailable for 278 hours due to equipment failure, (4 units including site issues). Availability cumulative since start 98.4%. 12 site visits due to equipment 10 due to installation issues.
- Cost of O&M (less fuel)
  - The current estimate of annual O&M costs excluding hot end replacement in total costs is \$26,000 and ~0.75cents/kWh, (4 units).

## Institutional Experience



- Building department and electric utility interconnection approvals were required.
- Project management overhead costs associated with approvals were approximately \$5,500.
- No issues were encountered with either approval process.

## Supplier Support



- PHE was the supplier that "turn keyed" the installation. Better understanding of Unifin high temperature application.
- Technical support was good from Unifin once understanding that published data was not possible from offered equipment.
- PHE is a Capstone Business Partner with a clear understanding of O&M costs.
- PHE took advantage of Capstone's promotional two unit package with a 3-year back stop warranty of \$0.008/kWh costs.

## General Experience



- Engineering company and HTX company did not agree on requirements, better quote process by PHE.
- PHE feels this is an excellent market especially where electric resistance heating is used for tank process heating.
- Suggested development areas for high temperature operation beyond 210°F is needed. Operation to 250°F is needed.